

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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BPT COURSES IN A. A. I.
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Allahabad Agriculture Institute (Deemed University) is running BPT course through its study centre spread all over India since 2002 and thousands of students have taken admission and pursuing this course;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the BPT course of AAI is approved by UGC and approval is taken by the AAI before starting this course;
- (d) if so, the fate of thousands of students pursuing this course;
- (e) whether the Government has issued any direction for the returning of fees paid by the students;
- (f) if so, whether the Government has issued any instructions to stop such courses run by different University /Institute which do not have approval of the UGC; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (S IRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a) to (e): As per the information provided by the Allahabad Agricultural Institute, the Institute started its distance education centres in the year 2002 and is conducting the course of Bachelor of Physiotherapy in over 150 centres all over the country enrolling 421:5 students. The University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Distance Education Council (DEC) have not accorded their approval to the AAI for conducting Bachelor of Physiotherapy Courses through the distance mode.

(f) and (g): No Sir. The UGC is mandated to maintain and coordinate the standards of Higher Education in the country and the DEC maintains standards of education through the distance mode. The Commission has written to all institutions, deemed to be universities, inter-alia, suggesting to observe its guidelines on the subject.